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## A BROADER VISION

SIR,—I am only a plain woman whose opinion is not worth much, but I recall the days when as editor of the *Altruist*, a small magazine, I welcomed words of congratulation on the success of my efforts to help the world along, and you are doing such a big thing in such a broad, big way with your Gospel of Americanism. We are climbing by your editorials to heights where we can gain a broader vision of the ultimate. Once in a while, as in your January number, you go over my head, and I question, on first reading, the wisdom of saying certain things just now; but just as the President gets ahead of our slow thinking and the nation has to wait and catch up with him, sometimes through sloughs of despondency and deep waters, we invariably come to the other side of Jordan into the Promised Land, and say with you, "Thank God for Wilson".

The impulse to write you has come from your editorial on a "Benevolent Despotism". There you lead doubters and honest questioners by beginning at their point of contact. You seem almost too much one with them, at times, and to sustain their doubts; and sometimes I have questioned whether what they did believe and *wanted* to believe was not strengthened rather than weakened by your way of putting the question. It takes for me several readings of the finale to get *fixed* in my mind that your conclusions, too briefly put, are what you are striving to prove—not the people's argument.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

LAURA S. STEWART,  
Chairman War Relief Dept.,  
The Needlework Guild of America.

## PRAISE FROM PALMETTO BLUFF

SIR,—Thank God for Colonel Harvey and his incomparable pen! Your December and January articles have snatched the people from their spell of mental and moral cowardice and shaken them back to their senses.

You are our foremost patriot and resplendent in your paganism. If it were not for you and Colonel Roosevelt, the dolts and dunces would sack the Republic.

It costs much to be a man, but there are compensations, and you have had it in the approval your articles have incited. It gave me much pleasure to distribute many copies of both numbers, and all who had missed the numbers were grateful for my calling them to their notice.

We were just on the edge of chaos when you sounded the tocsin! Now, all hands are awake, and it took your intellectual courage and matchless pen to excite the mental mutiny that now floods the land.

We have had too much mental sycophancy, and intellectual courage seems to have oozed out of all men.

We are eagerly awaiting the February number. No pen has done so much for manhood and civilization since Voltaire.

PALMETTO BLUFF, S. C.

EDWARD SHAUGHNESSY.

## FROM AN AMERICAN PATRIOT

SIR,—Having read your magazine faithfully for years and joyously during the recent months, I hasten to send you my check for renewal.

Is there any earthly thing that a woman of some intellect and aged

fifty-two can do to help? I have an only son, Divisional Bayonet Instructor at Camp Devens, and an only daughter graduating this spring from her three years of training at the Presbyterian Hospital. I don't want to roll bandages—although I have been complimented upon mine; but I *do* want to speak or write—to help vitally—if only I can learn how and where.

If your articles do not arouse our countrymen I know of none that can, and the January number hits the nail squarely on the head. There is no doubt of the popular sentiment about representative men taking representative places, and we need them at once. This number is splendid, editorially, and I am only sorry that I am not a man to be able to write such caustic truths. I am merely an admirer.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

MARTHA C. INGALLS.

### RECOGNIZING FUNDAMENTALS

SIR,—I am enclosing check for four dollars to renew my subscription to the REVIEW. I consider it the most ably edited magazine relating to national and political matters of which I have any knowledge; and your contributors are of the very highest class.

In these days, it is refreshing to read a publication which still recognizes fundamentals; which does not undertake to teach that no lessons can be drawn from history, and which does recognize that there are certain inherent and inalienable rights which neither legislators, congressmen nor executive officers should be permitted to ignore.

FARGO, N. D.

B. F. SPALDING.

### LOOKING BACKWARD

SIR,—The renewal of my subscription prompts me to state with what pleasure I recently learned from Solomon B. Griffin, managing editor of the *Springfield Republican*, that it had on its reporting staff, when he was a youth of eighteen, Colonel Harvey, whose contributions to the REVIEW, Mr. Griffin agrees with me, are unequalled in inspiration, instructiveness, and clarity of expression.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

ROBERT S. FOLSOM.

### PRAYERFUL

SIR,—I note that you pray, "Thank God for Wilson". This no doubt because his policy concerning terms of peace appeals to all liberty-loving men. I am saying the same prayer, when inspired by this thought. But please "keep a string on" your prayer that you may pray for the restoration of our Government when the war is over, and we face the problems it will leave to all Americans.

TACOMA, WASH.

CHARLES RICHARDSON.

### WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION NEEDS

SIR,—May I express the hope that the President will take note of and accept your offer of service? (REVIEW, Jan. 1, 1918).

The Administration needs sympathetic, intelligent critics. It needs a real interpreter. Your service could be splendid in those fields, and even if no notice is taken of your current editorial, perhaps the next one, or the one after that, will get home. I hope so.

NEW YORK CITY.

FRANK L. SCHEFFEY.